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SUBJECT: RELEASE TO NATO ALLIES OF RAND CORPORATION REPORT  
R-1980, QUOTE ALLIANCE DEFENSE IN THE EIGHTIES UNQUOTE

1. MISSION MAY CIRCULATE TO ALLIES, INTERNATIONAL STAFF  
AND NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES, RAND REPORT R-1980 ON QUOTE  
ALLIANCE DEFENSE IN THE EIGHTIES UNQUOTE AS WRITTEN, WITH  
SUITABLE NATO CLASSIFICATION MARKINGS AND WITH THE FOLLOW-  
ING GENERAL DISCLAIMER PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON THE BOTTOM  
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QUOTE. THIS PRODUCT OF THE RAND CORPORATION IS CIRCULATED  
WITHIN NATO FOR SUCH USE AS NATO COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS  
MIGHT WISH TO MAKE OF IT IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS ON NATO  
FORCE PLANNING AND RATIONALIZATION. IT REPRESENTS ONLY THE  
VIEWS OF THE AUTHORS AND DOES NOT REFLECT THE POSITION OF  
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN EITHER MILITARY OR POLITICAL  
JUDGMENT, NOR DOES THE ACT OF FORWARDING IT REPRESENT ANY

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE CONTENTS. UNQUOTE.

2. WE REALIZE THAT THE REPORT MAY CONTAIN CERTAIN CONCLUSIONS WITH WHICH NOT ALL OF OUR ALLIES MAY AGREE. HOWEVER, ON BALANCE, WE BELIEVE THAT RELEASE OF THE REPORT AS WRITTEN SHOULD BE USEFUL IN STIMULATING ALLIANCE ACTION ON NECESSARY

DEFENSE IMPROVEMENTS. WHILE WE DO NOT AGREE WITH EVERYTHING IN THE REPORT, WE SEEK AN OPEN AND FREE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, SUCH AS OCCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELEASE TO NATO IN SEPTEMBER 1975 OF THE PRIOR RAND REPORT PREPARED BY THE KOMER TEAM ON NATO RATIONALIZATION/STANDARDIZATION.

3. WE WILL FORWARD 150 COPIES OF THE REPORT WITH APPROPRIATE NATO CLASSIFICATION MARKINGS AND THE DISCLAIMER PRINTED ON THE FRONT COVER, AS SOON AS THEY ARE RECEIVED FROM THE RAND CORPORATION. ONLY REPEAT ONLY THESE COPIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO NATO ALLIES AND NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

. SUGGEST AN APPROPRIATE METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION WOULD BE A FORWARDING LETTER TO APPROPRIATE NATO OFFICIALS, PERMREPS AND NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES, DISCUSSING DOCUMENT AS WELL AS DISCLAIMER. MEANWHILE, DOD HAS SENT YOU AN ADVANCE COPY WITH APPROPRIATE MARKINGS HAND-IMPRINTED.

4. FYI: RELEASE OF THE RAND REPORT TO CONGRESS ON A REQUEST ONLY BASIS WITH A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT GENERAL DISCLAIMER HAS ALSO BEEN AUTHORIZED. END FYI. COPIES OF THE US SECRET VERSION OF THE REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED CONFIDENTIAL

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